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## SUBSCRIPTION CLUBBING

A few weeks ago the Monitor printed  
a letter from a patron, who had sub-  
scribed for a Boston daily through the  
Monitor. In commenting upon the let-  
ter the editor stated that he had  
sold a number of these dailies (over 70  
to be explicit.)

The Rutland Herald printed an  
editorial of some length upon the sub-  
ject, admonishing us to sell Vermont  
dailies instead. It said there was "a  
dank, chilly business side," to our  
apparent enthusiasm for this Boston  
daily. Yet in a Herald published a  
few days later in which the editor was  
speaking of Vermont's public printing,  
we read:

"Vermont's printers must do the  
state's work for a reasonable competi-  
tive price in order to keep the work  
inside the state; otherwise, the tax-  
payer would be assessed the difference."  
The printers within the  
borders of the state should not ask for  
special favors, merely a business  
opportunity."

To a fellow running a printing busi-  
ness in Vermont there is as much  
dankness to this statement as there  
appeared to the Herald in the Moni-  
tor's words.

The Monitor agrees with the Herald  
on the latter propositions. Vermont  
dailies "should not ask for special  
favors, merely a business opportunity."

This whole subject of clubbing is one  
that needs discussion but the place for  
it is our Press association winter meet-  
ing and not in the columns of our papers  
although there is a certain phase  
of it that may be spoken of there.  
The writer submitted to the editor  
of the American Press a letter on this  
subject before the Herald's editorial  
appeared and the editor of the Press  
published it in the last issue, Nov. 28,  
which deals with the publisher's side  
of the question.

Not to go into the subject in its  
many phases and local conditions the  
Monitor would state that it is serving  
a territory where no Vermont morn-  
ing paper reaches until long after the  
Boston papers, and no Vermont evening  
daily reaches us that night. The  
Monitor accepts subscriptions for Ver-  
mont papers, Pacific coast magazines,  
national weeklies, Boston papers, and  
all kinds of publications without  
thought or care as to where they are  
published. The Monitor is trying to  
serve its subscribers with the goods  
they want without influence. It is  
a service to them, the Monitor  
makes a penny out of it, and there is  
no valid reason why it should not  
continue to receive all kinds of sub-  
scriptions from its subscribers.

Three weeks and two days to Christ-  
mas.

As time goes on it becomes more and  
more apparent that the administration  
has made an awful muddle of the  
Mexican situation. Our moral support  
was given the wrong faction to  
start with, our troops have been with-  
drawn at an inopportune time, and the  
situation in that country is as bad or  
worse than ever.

The report of Commissioner of Agri-  
culture E. S. Brigham is out. The  
report is a book of considerable size  
containing much of value. Reports of  
the state horticultural society, Ver-  
mont Maple Sugar Makers' association,  
Vermont Dairyman's association, state  
forester and the various departments  
of the agricultural commission are  
contained in the book.

The Burlington Clipper says the  
Republican party will be on probation  
during the coming session of the legis-  
lature. You're wrong. The Republi-  
can party was on probation in the 1912  
legislature. The people seemed to be  
well satisfied that they decisively  
made it Republican again. The hand-  
ful of Progressives are on probation.

Newport must feel the taking away  
of its customs port. Of course this  
does not mean that a large force will  
not be kept at Newport, but the pres-  
tige of a customs port with a collector  
is something. The slack time in rail-  
roading has hit Newport rather severe-  
ly and many railroad men in Newport  
are idle. Coupling the two makes  
Newport wear a rather long face.  
Despite these set-backs (and the failure  
of Newport to put across a hotel  
proposition) Newport is the natural  
commercial center of a large section  
of this part of Vermont and nearby  
Canada and is bound to forge ahead  
as it has in the past. Newport has  
many natural advantages which will  
always stand her in good stead.

The Monitor is not in sympathy and  
does not find local public sentiment in

sympathy with the talk that the United  
States must have a much larger stand-  
ing army, must increase her navy to  
greater proportions and be better pre-  
pared for war. What money we want  
to spend for protection from other  
nations better be put into submarines,  
harbor mines, etc. Twelve or fifteen  
millions of dollars in a battleship goes  
to the bottom all too soon. Let's not  
get excited about the United States'  
needing to defend itself. The powers  
of the world will be too far spent to  
attack us when through the present  
struggle, and it is sincerely hoped our  
government will not find excuse to  
begin an aggressive war. Better  
stand a little chagrin at times. Indi-  
viduals often find that the best policy  
in the long run.

The Rutland Herald protests against  
the weekly papers clubbing with the  
city dailies, and a righteous protest it  
is. The clubbing business is anything  
but profitable to the weeklies. There  
is more or less fault found for delays  
and misarrangements, etc., and all trouble  
is laid to the weekly that does the  
business for little or no profit. If the  
other state papers would join in we  
would be pleased to unite with them  
in selling no paper but the one we  
publish, however, if clubbing be done,  
why not club with a Vermont daily?  
We have several dailies, for instance,  
the Rutland Herald-Burlington Daily  
News, Barre Times, St. Albans Mes-  
senger, all straight Republican papers,  
and then there is that "non-partisan"  
paper, the Burlington Free Press—  
Hyde Park News and Citizen.

The Rutland contemporary thinks  
the Monitor should club with only  
Vermont dailies. The Hyde Park  
brother believes in confining it to  
"straight Republican" papers. The  
Bennington Banner, Brattleboro Re-  
former and Montpelier Argus find no  
place in the Hyde Park contemporary's  
vocabulary because they have dared to  
be of an independent or different faith.  
"Then there is that non-partisan"  
Burlington Free Press," says the  
News. It's too bad. None but those  
who wear the regular, old and sacred  
toga, complete and unchanged, shall  
have admittance. Allah! Allah!

## Some Red Cross Seal Figures.

Few people have any conception of  
the magnitude of the Red Cross Chris-  
mas Seal Campaign. Here are a few  
figures that will show what a gigantic  
movement this is. Already 115,000,000  
seals have been printed, and practical-  
ly that entire number distributed to  
agents in almost every state of the  
union. Probably 15,000,000 more will  
be needed. Advertising circulars,  
posters, cards, etc., to the number of  
several million have also been distrib-  
uted. It is estimated that the army of  
paid and volunteer workers engaged in  
selling the seals number well over 100,  
000. The advertising and publicity do-  
ing for the campaign amount to  
several hundred thousand dollars.  
Every effort is being put forth to sell  
100,000,000 seals, or about one for  
every man, woman and child in the  
United States. Here's the seal:



## A Christmas Carol

By CHARLES DICKENS

I CARE not for spring. On its flicker wing  
Let the blossoms and buds be borne.  
He woe that amain with his treacherous  
rain,  
And he scatters them ere the morn.  
An inconstant elf, he knows not himself  
Nor his own changing mind an hour.  
He'll smile in your face, and with wry  
grimace  
He'll wither your youngest flower.  
LET the summer sun to his bright home  
run.  
He shall never be sought by me.  
When he's dimmed by a cloud I can laugh  
at him  
And care not how sulky he be.  
For his darling child is the madness wild  
That sports in fierce fever's train.  
And when love is too strong it doesn't last  
As many have found to their pain.

A MILD harvest night by the tranquil  
light  
Of the modest and gentle moon  
Has a far sweeter sheen for me, I ween,  
Than the broad and unobscuring noon.  
But every leaf awakens my grief  
As it lies beneath the tree.  
So let autumn air be ever so fair,  
It by no means agrees with me.

BUT my song I trol out for Christmas  
stout,  
The hearty, the true and the bold.  
A bumper I drain and with might and  
main  
Give three cheers for this Christmas old!  
We'll usher him in with a merry din  
That shall gladden his joyous heart,  
And we'll keep him up where there's bit  
or sup,  
And in fellowship good we'll part.

IN his fine honest pride he seems to hide  
One jot of his hard weather scars.  
They're no disgrace, for there's much the  
same trace  
On the cheeks of our bravest tars.  
Then again I sing till the roof doth ring  
And it echoes from wall to wall—  
To the stout old might fair welcome to  
night.  
As the king of the seasons all!

## Checks Croup Instantly

You know croup is dangerous. And you  
should also know the sense of security that  
comes from always having Foley's Honey  
and Tar Compound in the house. It cuts  
the thick mucus and clears away the  
phlegm, stops the strangling cough and  
gives easy breathing and quiet sleep. Take  
it for coughs, colds, tickling throat, hoarse-  
ness and for bronchial and grippe coughs.  
Contains no opiates. Every user is a friend.  
Austin's Pharmacy, Orleans, Vt.; W. S.  
McDowell, Evansville; J. B. Holton, West  
Charleston.

## WHAT THE PAPERS SAY.

## Plum Tree Left Newport.

The political plum tree in Vermont  
was shaken so hard that they shook  
half the tree down. The Newport half  
of the tree was the part that went  
down.—Barre Times.

## Bankruptcy for War Nations.

The English government has just  
floated a war loan of \$1,125,000,000,  
nearly three times the cost of the  
Panama canal. Yet this immense sum  
will pay the expenses of the war on  
the present footing for less than a  
year. What will be the cost when  
England puts into the field the 1,000,000  
men now drilling? Already bankers  
are saying that the war must be short  
or bankruptcy will stare European  
nations in the face. The conflict is  
rapidly approaching a serious question  
of finance, rather than of men.—Brattle-  
boro Reformer.

## Sentencing for Perjury.

The sentencing of three people in  
Rutland to imprisonment for perjury  
was an act that should have a benefi-  
cial influence of court procedure in the  
whole state. There is too little regard  
for the sanctity of the oath and it is  
rumored that some members of the  
bar school the witnesses in perjury.  
In the past, apparent offenses of per-  
jury have been ignored but Judge L.  
P. Slack did not believe this to be  
right and in ordering the investigation  
that has brought about the conviction  
of three parties he has created a stand-  
ard that other judges must live up to  
and if they do live up to it, they cer-  
tainly will purge the courts of perjury.  
—St. Johnsbury Caledonian.

## Commendable.

While the donor of the fund making  
it possible for the state board of  
health to engage an expert on the re-  
cent infantile paralysis epidemic re-  
mains unnamed, there is an interest-  
ing suspicion that the funds came from  
the same source that has made possible  
many other developments and improve-  
ments in Vermont during recent years  
and whose activities have not been de-  
voted to any single phase of life. But  
whoever the donor, or donors may be  
the gift was well made and, obscure  
as the disease poliomyelitis is at the  
present time, may aid in determining  
the exact nature of the human ailment.  
The promptness of the state board of  
health in prosecuting the work is very  
commendable, too.—Barre Times.

## Government Advertising.

We acknowledge the receipt of a  
communication from the United States  
treasury department at Portsmouth, N.  
H., regarding special taxes, the so-  
called war taxes. It is an advertise-  
ment designed to assist the collector  
and his deputies in their efforts to col-  
lect the tax. A parenthetical note  
says: "Please publish without cost to  
the government." Here is a check dis-  
placed in high places. The govern-  
ment wants its advertising done for  
nothing, yet if there is the least suspi-  
cion that a newspaper is paying its  
bills, a revenue man is hot on the trail  
for an income tax. Why shouldn't the  
government pay its advertising bills  
man fashion? Perhaps it will some-  
time, but not as long as a majority of  
the papers do the advertising gratis.  
—Bellows Falls Times.

## Amey's Case.

Harry B. Amey of Brighton, a well  
known lawyer and former railroad at-  
torney, was defeated for town repre-  
sentative by a combination of Progress-  
ives and Democrats, though he led in  
the voting up to the fourth ballot.  
Mr. Amey has filed notice that he will  
contest his opponent's election on the  
ground that under the new plurality  
act, as it reads, he is entitled to the  
seat, having been the first to receive  
the largest number of votes. Question  
was raised over the meaning of this  
act prior to election. Inasmuch as  
there are not a few members of the  
present house who take their seats  
under conditions similar to that of Mr.  
Amey's opponent, and who would them-  
selves be unseated were his contention  
to prevail, we expect he will be at  
some disadvantage to make out a case  
—human nature being as it is.—Ran-  
dolph Herald.

## That St. Johnsbury School

A St. Johnsbury contemporary an-  
nounces that the so-called Summer  
street school properties in its town  
have been rebuilt at a cost slightly  
under \$44,000, and goes on to say that  
"to offset this the town receives aid  
from the state to the amount of \$22,-  
000.21." The Messenger frankly ad-  
mits at the outset that it does not  
understand the exact details under  
which state aid is given, but it can't  
help feeling that St. Johnsbury has  
done very well by itself in connecting  
with such a big amount. Rebuilding a  
school at a cost of over \$40,000 savors  
a good deal of the thing up in a  
new building in effect. Does the state  
assist towns in building new school-  
houses or in repairing old ones?  
The Messenger understands that the  
current expenses, which are the basis  
for figuring the state aid are not  
supposed to include new buildings.  
And what constitutes repairing and  
improvements? Can a town build a  
building to the very foundation and  
by "rebuilding" come in for state aid?  
Perhaps if this thing were thoroughly  
explained there would be no mystery  
about it, but as it now stands, it isn't  
at all plain. Will not one of the St.  
Johnsbury contemporaries or some  
school authority explain to the public  
just what this item is and how it was  
arrived at?—St. Albans Messenger.

## Crusade against Tuberculosis.

The splendid work which has been  
done by the Proctor sanitarium for the  
treatment of incipient tuberculosis at  
Pittsford, will incline the people of  
Vermont to look with favor upon any  
project to provide also for the treat-  
ment of patients suffering from that  
dread disease in its more advanced  
stages. The special committee ap-  
pointed by Governor Fletcher to in-  
vestigate as to the need of an institution  
for this purpose, which met in Rut  
and yesterday, properly enough decline to  
discuss the details of its report until  
as an act of courtesy it has first been  
submitted to the executive, but enough  
is known of the situation in general  
way to indicate the need of work in this  
direction. While 374 persons have died  
in Vermont as a result of this white  
plague, it is not to be overlooked that  
the successful operations of the Pitts-  
ford sanitarium have absolutely dem-

onstrated the possibility of curing this  
dread disease, when it is taken in time,  
as well as of greatly relieving those  
in the more advanced stages thereof.  
How to aid sufferers from advanced  
tuberculosis, and especially those who  
are unable to procure assistance  
through their own means, is the prob-  
lem which now confronts this common-  
wealth. This is a work of patriotism  
and of philanthropy as well as of con-  
servation of the public health, and the  
splendid example set our people by  
the late Senator Redfield Proctor and  
various members of his family should  
stimulate this state to the supplement-  
ing of the great work so auspiciously  
begun.—Burlington Free Press.

## History of the Ports of Entry.

The consolidation of Vermont into  
one customs district is a display of  
common sense on the part of the treas-  
ury department. H. C. Comings of  
Richford was appointed collector of the  
Burlington district sometime ago and  
J. C. Ulery of Brattleboro was ap-  
pointed collector of the district of Memph-  
is-gog, with headquarters at Newport.  
When Comings's appointment was made  
and that of Ulery, which had been ex-  
pected at the same time, was held up,  
there were rumors that consolidation  
was in the minds of the officials at  
Washington, as the plan of concentra-  
ting districts and eliminating all those  
possible has been followed some time  
in other parts of the country. Ver-  
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